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SUBJ: PROPOSED CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT FOREIGN
BANKING.

1. A LOCAL SWISS BANKER (MR. AGATHON AERNI OF SWISS
VOLKSBANK) HAS CALLED EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO A SMALL
ARTICLE IN A FRANKFURT BUSINESS NEWSPAPER REPORTING THAT
ON AUGUST 16 LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA
STATE LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON
ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN BANKS IN THAT STATE. ACCORDING TO
MR. AERNI, PRESS REPORT STATES THAT BILL INTENDS TO BLOCK
ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSES FOR FOREIGN BANKS UNLESS SOME
AS YET UNDEFINED STANDARDS OF RECIPROCITY ARE MET.

2. ALTHOUGH SWISS PRESS HAS NOT RPT NOT YET PICKED UP
THIS STORY, IT PROBABLY WILL SOMETIME THIS WEEK.
AS SWISS BANKING INTERESTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
IRRITATED WITH GROWING NUMBER OF FOREIGN BANKS IN
SWITZERLAND (INCLUDING SIXTEEN US BANKS), RESTRICTIVE
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LEGISLATION IN US COULD PROVIDE EXCUSE TO LIMIT US

BANKING ACTIVITY IN SWITZERLAND.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA
LEGISLATION.

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